1	2	3	4
18	PaliRS	Pali	4
19	Chand Pole Bazar	Jaipur	4
20	Rajasthan State Hotel	Jaipur	4
21	Regional College	Ajmer	4
22	Udaipur Nai Sarafa	Udaipur	4
23	Hiran Magri	Udaipur	4
24	Bhilwara City	Bhilwara	4

Coin boxes of BSNL

†1859. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coin boxes of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and other private sector telephone companies which are working in the country;

(b) the number of coins being collected approximately everyday in such boxes;

(c) whether the public is not facing any problem for change due to collection of coins in these boxes; and

(d) the provisions made in order to stop collection of coins in telephone boxes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, approximately 9, 01, 600 coin box PCOs are working in BSNL as on 30.06.2007. Out of which 15,745 are BSNL owned and remaining 8,85,855 are owned by PCO franchisees. The information of PCOs in respect of private operators is not maintained by the Government.

(b) On an average approximately 1,90,00,000 number of coins are estimated to be collected everyday by BSNL in these Coin Boxes.

(c) No, Sir. As the coins collected in Coin Boxes get circulated in the market.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Expansion of mobile telephone services in Uttarakhand

†1860. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of towers to be established by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for the expansion of mobile telephone services in Almora, Pithoragarh and Champavat districts of Uttarakhand during the year 2007-08;

(b) the percentage of the population of the above districts to be liable to get benefit of mobile telephone services after the establishment of these towers; and

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(c) by when hundred per cent population of the above districts would be covered by mobile telephone services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has planned for installation of mobile base stations in Almora, Pithoragarh and Champawat districts of Uttarakhand during the year 2007-08. Details are as follows:-

1. Almora (16 towers) : Almora (3 towers), Amyariband, Bhanoti, Daula, Deghat, Dewal, Dol, Kausani, Mallimarai, Nail, Naugaon, Ranikhet (2 towers), Tarikhet.

2 Champawat (4 towers): Barkot, Champawat, Lohaghat, Ritha.

3. Pithoragarh (10 towers): Baram, Berinag, Dedihat, Munsyari, Pithoragarh (4 towers), Tallimirthi, Toli.

(b) Presently approx 15.77% population of Almora district, 5.37% population of Champawat district and 16.76% population of Pithoragarh district is utilizing mobile telephone services. After installation of towers mentioned in para (a) above, approx 18.12% population of Almora district, 6.97% population of Champawat district and 17.96% population of Pithoragarh district will be in a position to utilize the mobile telephone services in the Uttarakhand State.

(c) Having provided reach of its mobile network up to significant number of Tehsil and Block Headquarters, BSNL has now planned to expand its mobile network across the country including Uttarakhand progressively to cover villages having population greater than 1000 during the next three phases depending upon techno-commercial feasibility.

Rural direct exchange lines

†1861. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between telephone operators for Rural Direct Exchange Lines (RDELs);

(b) if so, the names of such telephone operators;

(c) whether any provision has made regarding giving subsidy to telephone operators for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the basis upon which this subsidy would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) entered into an agreement with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Reliance Infocomm Limited (RIL), Tata Teleservices Limited (TTL) and Tata Teleservices Limited (Maharashtra) (TTL-MH) for provision of

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